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## CONCRETE PILE WHARF PLANNED

Committee on Improvement of James River Awards Contract.

### THREE PLANS DISCUSSED

Can Do Better if Council Will Provide for Increased Cost.

After two hours of discussion, the Committee on Improvement of the James River last night recommended the award of contract to the Raymond Concrete Pile Company for \$33,780 for erecting a reinforced concrete pile construction wharf, the city assuming an additional cost of a bonding fee of 1 per cent per year for a five-year guarantee bond.

A subcommittee to which all the bids opened last week, and which, after extended consultation with City Engineer Bolling, reported three preferable bids, representing three types of construction, at widely varying figures. By instructions of the Council, the committee had invited proposals for plans and bids, and each bidder therefore bid on his own design. In the report of the subcommittee the No. 1 design was that of H. M. Allport & Company, of Richmond, for a solid construction concrete wharf and bulkhead, to cost \$17,185; No. 2 was the bid of the Raymond Concrete Pile Company, for a pile construction, tied by steel cables, to cost \$46,912.50; No. 3 was the successful bid, that of the Raymond Concrete Pile Company, for a concrete pile wharf, to cost, with certain extras, \$33,780.

Three Plans Proposed. City Engineer Bolling, briefly explained the report of the subcommittee. Mr. Bolling said that the Allport plan called for an entire concrete construction from eighteen feet below the water, projecting a massive piece of work, practicable in every way from the standpoint of strength and durability, provided the city was willing to appropriate that amount of money for so massive a type of construction.

Two other propositions, Mr. Bolling said, had appealed to him as being less costly and not so massive in construction. The McKinn plan for a reinforced concrete construction somewhat on the plan of tongue and groove work, provided a wall along the face, carried down to rock, and laid by pouring concrete into forms through an iron pipe, but without the expensive coffer dams proposed in the Allport bid.

**Difficult of Construction.**  
The manner of construction, however, he reported, could be attended to in great detail, and the plan made no provision for a deck construction or for gangways. Under the Allport plan the river would be held back by coffer dams, and the laying of the concrete base sixteen feet thick would be in plain view of inspectors, who could detect any defect in work or material. In the McKinn plan the work would be done largely in the dark. Mr. Bolling said there had been another good design submitted by J. J. Smith & Co., which was a close second to the McKinn plan, and which, with any of the designs the city would have to bear the cost of filling in behind the wharf by the natural dredging from the river, and be at an expense of about \$2,500 for slab flooring and finishing work, not included in the other plans.

The third and successful design, Mr. Bolling said, was submitted by a concern which has recently erected large wharves in Baltimore. It proposes a different character of construction from the others, as it would make reinforced concrete slabs and then drive them into place.

In the filling in behind there might be a tendency to slide the piles outward, and Mr. Bolling had called attention to the defect, whereupon the company added a system of bracing which the City Engineer said would make a safe construction and one now in use in Baltimore wharves. Any of the three plans, he thought, would provide a permanent construction, but to insure faithful work he thought the city should require a guarantee bond for protection against defects and failures.

**Turn Traffic to South Shore.**  
Mr. Freeman spoke at some length on the prospect for increased shipping on the James River and the proposed improvement of the river and the building of a turning basin here. He raised the question whether the erection of a wharf following the shore line of the north bank of the river, and a continuation of the city's policy of closing streets and other streets would not force the building of slips and other more permanent ways of handling large vessels to the south bank of the river. He suggested that streets to Fulton might be built overhead, proposing instead of a street line, which would be more slips, with the ultimate creation of railroad yards on up Gillie's Creek in the valley beyond Chimborazo Park.

Mr. Crenshaw agreed with much that Mr. Freeman had said, but said that in view of conditions in and out of the Council, and the fact that the people generally were not yet educated to the importance of large expenditures on the river, it would be better to make a small beginning and accomplish something than to attempt too much and delay the whole work. He therefore moved that the award be made to the third of the plans mentioned in the subcommittee report, the Raymond Concrete Pile Company, provided bond were given for five years. The motion was adopted, 6 to 3, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Chambers, Crenshaw, Freeman, Bille, Richards and Jones.  
Noes—Messrs. Bryan, Watkins and Powers.

The certified checks were ordered returned to the unsuccessful bidders. In the annual budget last year the Council provided \$20,000 for building a wharf, although the estimates at that time for a pile and timber wharf were from \$24,000 to \$28,000. When the matter went to the Council for an additional appropriation, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the committee was instructed to get bids for concrete construction, which was admittedly higher. If the design recommended by the Committee on Improvement of the James River is accepted, therefore, it will be necessary to have an additional appropriation.

On recommendation of Mayor Richardson, the members of the Virginia delegation in Congress were urged to have the appropriation for James River in this year's rivers and harbors bill so worded that a part of it could be used in the construction of the proposed turning basin at Richmond.

## FRAUD CHARGED IN PENSION CASE

Government Seeks to Recover Money Paid to North Carolina Woman.

### APPEAL FROM LOWER COURT

Judge Pritchard Reverses Decision in West Virginia Coal Litigation.

Because the lower court at Greensboro, N. C., held that the government could not recover money given on forced pension checks by the Bank of North Wilkesboro, Assistant District Attorney A. L. Coble, of Statesville, brought the action before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and it was argued by counsel yesterday.

The Treasury Department seeks to recover \$744, payments made to Mary Marley, who masqueraded as Mary M. Webster. She is alleged to have defrauded the Pension Department by representing herself to be Mary M. Webster, and thus had the assumed name placed on the rolls.

Checks were drawn by the Pension Department, payable to Mary M. Webster. These are said to have been issued by Mary Marley as Mary M. Webster. As far as can be learned, Mary Webster was never in existence.

The case was argued by the Pension Department before the alleged swindle was discovered. It sought to recover the money from the Bank of North Wilkesboro for accepting forced paper. The court below decided that the bank was not liable. The cause was then brought before the higher tribunal by Attorney W. M. Hendren, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

**Telegraph Case Heard.**  
The Court of Appeals also heard argument in the case of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, plaintiff in error, against Frank Leonard, defendant in error. In the Circuit Court at Raleigh, N. C., the plaintiff in error, a lineman in charge of the erection of poles, was awarded damages for injuries received because of alleged fault of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company in not providing adequate support for the poles.

This action is based upon a contract between the parties for the sale of coal in the New England States. It is insisted by Leonard that he had delivered a large amount of time and trouble in an effort to procure an important and valuable contract for the sale by the company to one McNeill, of \$50,000 tons of coal, and after the contract was entered into, 200,000 tons included in the contract was delivered. The plaintiff in error here holds that the contract was wholly made after the agreement between the parties had terminated.

Judge Pritchard in his opinion states that the court below erred in refusing to grant a certain instruction. Conflicting evidence is the grounds for Judge Pritchard's decision.

**Docket for To-Day.**  
Court will convene at 11 o'clock this morning, when the following cases will be argued:

No. 1009, George F. Buchholz, plaintiff in error, vs. Granite Savings Bank and Trust Company, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Baltimore, Md. To be argued by T. H. Tippet and George A. Solter, of Baltimore, Md., for the plaintiff in error, and by George Forbes, of Baltimore, Md., and John M. Woolsey, of New York City, for the defendant in error.

No. 1009, James A. Henderson, receiver of Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Packet Line, appellant, vs. Canawha Dock Corporation, appellee; appeal from the District Court at Charleston, W. Va. To be argued by W. R. Murphy, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for the appellant, and by Rankin Wiley, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., and L. C. Barton, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for the appellee.

### MAN AND WOMAN FINED

Tilton Thompson and Lizzie Walker Go to Jail for Defying Police.

Tilton Thompson, alias T. H. Walker, and Mrs. Lizzie Walker, wife of Robert Walker, of Lynchburg, who were arrested by Detective Atkinson Saturday night in a house on Nineteenth Street on a charge of living together as man and wife, were fined \$50 and placed under \$100 security for six months each in Police Court yesterday morning.

The woman became hysterical as she was led back to the prisoners' pen. Both went to jail in default. Thompson's wife, who lives on Beverly Street, appeared in court against him. Mrs. Walker's three-year-old child, who has been living with her here, will be cared for temporarily by the Associated Charities.

### TALK OF NEW OFFICER

Judge Williams May Appoint Veteran to Succeed Mr. Bibb.

There is more or less speculation over the identity of the new Assistant Attorney-General, to succeed the late W. E. Bibb. Judge Williams, it is presumed, will follow the rule he laid down in his first appointment, which he repeated many times during his campaign—that he would appoint a competent veteran if he could find one competent and willing, and that if not he would select the son of a soldier.

## MARKET UP ON BUYING ORDERS

Active Trading Gives Bullish Tone on Eve of Holiday Season.

### MERCHANTS HEAVY SELLERS

Quotations Steady, as Strong Demand for Goods Keeps Floor on Jump.

It's a merry crowd these days which throngs the retail thoroughfares; a jostling, pushing, pulling, hurrying, buying crowd. But it smiles; that's the noticeable feature about this crowd. And it smiles because this is holiday time. Not holiday time for an individual, but holiday time for the crowd—for everybody, high and low, for the steeplejack and for the man for whom he works; for Biddy in the kitchen and for m'lady, who dons her sables and rides forth to gather pretty baubles. So that when all of these varying shades get together in the busy markets they are the "crowd," and, as already noted, the crowd smiles.

There is always something alluring about the American Christmas crowd, and especially the Richmond American Christmas crowd. Therefore it is a source of real pleasure to follow the crowd; to be "the man in the crowd" of whom Edgar Allan Poe wrote so charmingly. Corpses tread upon, elbows poked rudely into tender ribs, hats shoved awry by unfamiliar hands, skirts torn from their moorings by a clothe-hopper from this and that, and "smile" covers it all, for every single soul in that mass of humanity is getting ready for the day when old Kris Kringle is going to leave his land of the perpetual snows and the endless days and come to Richmond to dispense his warmth and pleasure and joy in thousands of homes, bringing strikingly to mind the rise of the Star of Bethlehem.

**Strictly a Buying Market.**  
Buy, buy, buy! In willing cadences the sound goes through the crowd. Fur strings are cut, and fur housewives, who for a whole year have cut at this corner and shaved at that, to save a penny here or a nickel there, now let fly the hard-earned shekels with a lavish hand. It's Christmas, and Tom and Gus and Kate and Susan all must be made to remember the day and be given a remembrance in turn.

Staid men of affairs whose hearts have been bound by the four walls of office or counting room or factory, visit almost adamantly the gift-bearing shops to purchase that which will gladden the hearts of those at home.

Not a single street in the entire city of Richmond but offers something attractive to the prospective purchaser. There is one little piece of advice which can be taken to heart by all: If you want to buy, don't go into the stores. But there are few who won't buy at this time. If you doubt this fact, then watch the people as they leave the shops. Notice carefully the bundles and packages carefully tucked under arms, which never grow tired with the burden. And then watch the wagons heavily laden with the toys and thousand other things which will bring Christmas cheer when the day arrives.

It is of vast interest to take a walk through these busy stores these days. Listen to the whistling and the conversations and watch the knowing glances as the purchasing goes merrily on. "What do you think Kate would like?" or "Do you think this tie will suit Gus?" and so on and on it goes. But don't forget the smile. Even the furrier, the salesgirl and the salesmen who have been hours upon hours on their feet smile. Contentious and pleasant all of the time, they never lag.

**Shop Earlier This Year.**  
The public, too, is seemingly appreciative of the effort put forth to please. The people are buying earlier. They are not waiting until the last moment to get the things they may want. The result is that those who must serve the wants of the people will not be called upon to take care of the actual crushes which have heretofore obtained on Christmas Eve. Every one is helped because of this earlier purchasing crusade.

The small boy's delight is here. Santa Claus, bewhiskered and bedecked in his usual garb, is present in many of the stores to greet the youngsters as he comes along led by motherly hands. He listens patiently while the little fellows whisper into his ear what they want and what they want sister and brother to have. With a cheery nod he makes promises, all the while catching the wink from the parent.

**Take Care of Poor.**  
As a matter of fact the pendulum swings in the other direction. It is not so necessary to get the people to spend as it is to keep them from spending too much. Some wag facetiously remarked after a round of the stores that the Richmond crowd is a city of millionaires, so liberal have been the purchases. And the end is not yet. Buy, buy, buy! The cry will continue until the very day arrives and even after that the belated will think of some of the things which have been bought.

One of the most striking things in connection with the purchase of gifts is the care and attention given by the many charitable organizations and by the more charitably inclined individuals—those who may not be able to purchase their own gifts. It seems safe to say that of a single child or grown-up, either, for that matter, will go without some token of the day, provided, of course, that attention is directed and that the recipient is worthy.

It's a ray old time. Old Kels has a big heart and he is going to take care of all. Every home will be brighter and every heart gladder when the day arrives. And the shopkeepers—well, they'll take some time off to count up the receipts.

## There Is No Time to Waste

If you want to get the full benefit of the special purchases which are now on sale at considerably reduced prices.

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- \$1.95** for Velour Hats that look like the \$5.00 ones, all desirable shades; also in black.

## Gans-Rady Company

## WARD DELEGATION MR. ROYALL IS NO IS HELD LIABLE GIFFORD PINCHOT

Contractor Would Finish Job at Odd Mistake in Interview Makes Him Student of Forests. Should Be Trusts.

Members of the Committee on Streets do not regard seriously the reported threats of Contractor Edward S. Kellam to sue the city over the work on Q Street, out of which grew the charges of Councilman Richards against Fourth Assistant City Engineer Charles L. Todd, Jr. The city, they claim, is protected by the clause in all contracts that in no case must the work exceed the amount appropriated for the purpose. If that clause had not been put in the members of the Marshall Ward delegation in the Street Committee would have been personally liable for any amount spent in excess of the ward fund.

When Mr. Richards proposed grading the sidewalk and gutter on both sides of Q Street for a distance of two squares, Mr. Todd told him offhand, without looking at the place, that it would cost not more than \$300. Grading at that time was being done at an average of 25 cents per cubic yard. The work was not advertised. A few bids were secured privately, of which the lowest was Kellam's, at 35 cents. When the Marshall Ward fund, then about \$250, was exhausted, City Engineer Bolling ordered the work stopped, about one-fourth of the whole job being then completed. Mr. Kellam claims that his contract called for about \$1,350 worth of work at a profitable rate and that he should be allowed to finish it or that he be given a like amount of grading elsewhere at the same price.

It may be that the new Marshall Ward delegation on the Street Committee will agree to finish the work from the ward fund for next year, available in a few months.

**Attend Washington Convention.**  
Thomas F. Meaney, as the delegate of the Association of United States Inspectors, Revenue Deputy Collectors of the Second District of Virginia, left yesterday for Washington, where he is attending the national convention. He was accompanied by Collector M. K. Lowry and P. H. Larkin, division deputy. The convention will adjourn to-morrow night.

**Shooting Case Continued.**  
For promiscuous shooting and carrying a concealed weapon, Melvin Johnson, colored, was arraigned before Magistrate J. T. Lewis yesterday at the Henrico county court-house, but will not be called upon to take care of the actual crushes which have heretofore obtained on Christmas Eve. Every one is helped because of this earlier purchasing crusade.

**Customs Collections Heavy.**  
Customs collections at this port for this month have been unusually large, nearly \$22,000 had been received by Collector R. B. Arnold yesterday. Most of this has been duty on burlaps consigned to local firms.

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## MUST GIVE BOND FOR FRANCHISE

City Attorney Gives Formal Opinion in Matter of New Power Company.

City Attorney H. R. Pollard has filed with Clerk J. Taylor Stratton, of the Council Committee on Streets, his opinion on the point raised by Henry W. Anderson, counsel for the Virginia Railway and Power Company, in the hearing of the application of the Richmond Power Corporation for a franchise to operate poles, wires and conduits for the distribution of electricity in Richmond.

Mr. Anderson inquired whether the law did not require the applicant to file a bond with the city before the matter can be considered or voted upon, and stated that such bond had been filed by street car companies in the past when applying for franchises, as an evidence of good faith.


The ruling of the City Attorney was not made public, but the understanding of members of the committee is that he holds that under the State law the bond must be put up before the matter can be considered or voted upon by either branch of the Council, but not necessarily before it is discussed in a committee. The Street Committee will be called shortly to hear the opinion read and to determine whether in view of the position of the City Attorney it is advisable to proceed with the public hearing of the attorneys for and against the granting of the Power Corporation franchise.

### NO DELAY EXPECTED IN WORK ON NEW BUILDING

J. H. Elgin, district manager of the J. Henry Miller Construction Company, of Baltimore, in charge of the erection of the new post-office at Tenth and Main Streets, said last night that the reported disagreement between Sub-contractor Hansen and the general contractors will in no way interfere with the erection of the building. Hansen is in charge of the steel work, and it is understood that difficulties have caused suspension of certain portions of the work. There seems to be no doubt that the misunderstanding will be speedily adjusted.

### Binford at Work.

J. H. Binford, executive secretary of the Co-operative Education Association, left the city yesterday for Clarksville, Mecklenburg county, where he addressed a meeting of teachers last night in the interest of improved school facilities. In company with J. B. Terrell, the division superintendent of schools, Mr. Binford will spend the rest of the week visiting the rural schools of Mecklenburg in an effort to arouse interest in educational matters and organize citizens' leagues.



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